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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE METHODS: UPDATE ON SHABANGU  
CASE

REF: MBABANE 2616

1. ON AUGUST 13 PRIVATELY-OWNED SWAZI TELEVISION STATION BROADCAST PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT (PARA 2 REFTTEL) ON THE DEATH OF SWAZI-LAND EDUCATION MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAMUEL M. SHABANGU, WHO DIED IN SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE CUSTODY. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER GOS LEAKED STORY TO STATION OR WHETHER STATION'S GOOD INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER OBTAINED PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT WITHOUT OFFICIAL SANCTION.

2. COMMENT: LATTER IS MORE LIKELY, GIVEN GOS' TIMIDITY IN HANDLING SHABANGU CASE TO DATE. FOR EXAMPLE, A COMMUNIQUE MORE DEVOID OF SUBSTANCE THAN THE GOS FOLLOW-UP STATEMENT OF AUGUST 9 (MBABANE 2762) WOULD BE HARD TO IMAGINE, CONFIRMING THAT GOS EAGER TO AVOID MAKING WAVES WITH SAG.  
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